IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1.   (Original)   An information processing apparatus comprising:

first generating means for generating a content information space based on content information and on additional information related to said content information;

receiving means for receiving search information from an information processing terminal over a network;

first acquiring means for acquiring a search keyword from said search information received by said receiving means;

searching means for searching a search-related information database for information related to said search keyword acquired by said first acquiring means;

second generating means for generating a search keyword space based on said related information retrieved by said searching means and on said search keyword;

comparing means for comparing information in said content information space generated by said first generating means with information in said search keyword space generated by said second generating means;

preparing means for preparing a list of display-ready information from the information deemed to match as a result of the comparison by said comparing means; and

transmitting means for transmitting said list of display-ready information prepared

by said preparing means to said information processing terminal.

2.   (Original)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising updating means for updating said search-related information database on the basis of

said content information space generated by said first generating means.

3.   (Original)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said preparing means prepares said list of display-related information from the matching

information derived from the comparison by said comparing means, in accordance with said

search information.

4.   (Original)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising second acquiring means for acquiring said content information from another

information processing apparatus over said network.

5.   (Original)   An information processing method comprising:

          a first generation step of generating a content information space based on content

information and on additional information related to said content information;

          a reception step of receiving search information from an information processing

terminal over a network;

          an acquisition step of acquiring a search keyword from said search information

received in said reception step;

a search step of searching a search-related information database for information related to said search keyword acquired by in said acquisition step;

a second generation step of generating a search keyword space based on said related information retrieved in said search step and on said search keyword;

a comparison step of comparing information in said content information space generated in said first generation step with information in said search keyword space generated in said second generation step;

a preparation step of preparing a list of display-ready information from the information deemed to match as a result of the comparison in said comparison step; and

a transmission step of transmitting said list of display-ready information prepared in said preparation step to said information processing terminal.

6.   (Original)   A recording medium which records a program in a computer-readable format, said program comprising:

a first generation step of generating a content information space based on content information and on additional information related to said content information;

a reception controlling step of receiving search information from an information processing terminal over a network;

an acquisition step of acquiring a search keyword from said search information received in said reception controlling step;

a search step of searching a search-related information database for information related to said search keyword acquired by in said acquisition step;

a second generation step of generating a search keyword space based on said

related information retrieved in said search step and on said search keyword;

a comparison step of comparing information in said content information space

generated in said first generation step with information in said search keyword space generated

in said second generation step;

a preparation step of preparing a list of display-ready information from the

information deemed to match as a result of the comparison in said comparison step; and

a transmission controlling step of transmitting said list of display-ready

information prepared in said preparation step to said information processing terminal.

7.   (Canceled)